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SUBJECT: Applicant: SCHOFIELD, William G.J.
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 Group: 2661
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Dear Sir:

Our docket indicates that an Office Action is due in the subject application. Applicant received a notice dated January 15, 2003 indicating that the subject application would receive an Office Action in approximately 15 months from the mailing date of the notice. A review of the public PAIR system on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Internet website indicates that the subject application was docketed for examination on September 22, 2004. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office advise us of the status of the subject application. Thank you.

If for any reason this application is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to our deposit account.

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